

A Proclamation set foorth by Therle

*of Suffex, the Queenes Maiesties Lieutenaut generall in
the North, declaring truely the falsehodes and
vayne delusions vtherby Therles of Northumberlande
and VVestmerlande, and their confederates, do abuse the
Queenes Maiesties subiectes, to mayntayne their
rebellious enterprises, the. xxviii. of
November 1569.*



Here Charles of Northumberlande and Westmerlande, with their confederates haue most vndutifully and vnnaturally conspired to leuie warre against their and our most gracious soueraigne Lady the Queenes Maiestie, and therbypon haue entred into open and actuall rebellion, and to couer their wicked and detestable attemptes, haue abused and deluded many of her Maiesties subiectes in these partes, sometymes commaunding them in her highnesse name to repayre to them in warlike maner for the defence and suretie of her Maiesties person, when their intent of calling them was in dedde to mainteine their horrible treasons, and thereby to put in perill her most royall person, whom God long preferue, sometymes affirming their doynge to be with thaduisse and consent of the nobilitie of this Realme, who in dedde be wholly bent (as manifestly doth appeare) to spende their lyues in dutifull obedience against them and all other traytours, sometymes pretending for conscience sake to seeke to resourme religion, where in dedde it is manifestly knowen many of them neuer had care of conscience, or euer respected any religion, but continued a dissolute lyfe, vntyll at this present they were driuen to pretende a popishe holynesse, to put some false colour vpon their manifest treasons, directly against the commaundement of God in holy scripture, the lawes of this Realme, and the auncient prerogatiue of the imperiall crowne of Englande, sometymes declaring that they be driuen to take this matter in hande, lest otherwyle foraine princes myght take it vpon them, to the great perill of this Realme: where in dedde they not contented with the good quiet and publique administration of iustice, so long continued vnder the Queenes Maiestie, as the lyfe was neuer before in any princes tyme, haue by all the wicked meanes they could, practised with forayne princes to ayde them in this wicked enterpryse, and thereby sought not only the manifest perill of our most gracious soueraigne Ladys person, state, and dignitie royall, but also to byng the whole Realme to perpetuall thraldome and miserie, vnder the subiection and slauerie of forayne powers and potentates, hoping thereby to satisfie some part of their licentious and dissolute myndes, and sometymes couering their naughtie intentes with a shewe of desire to preferue the state of the auncient nobilitie from destruction, prepared (as they say) against them: where in dedde it manifestly appeareth, that in whole twelue yeres past the Queenes Maiestie hath had such care of the preferuing of that state, as from the beginning of her raigne to this houre there hath not perished one of that flocke, and they them selues who abuse the people with these slanderous deuises, haue most graciously and liberally tasted of her Maiesties sauour, good countenaunce, bountie, and familiar vsage, more then others dyd of their equalles, and farre aboue their desertes, and of whom her Maiestie had conceaued so good opinion, as hardly coulde she of long tyme be induced to thinke that either such lacke of duetie coulde enter into their heartes agaynst their soueraigne, or such ingratitude against her that had so liberally dealt with them, and so louingly vsed them, although she manifestly knewe that some of them liued in daunger of her lawes, whereof she gaue them to vnderstande she had good knowledge, and dyd tollerate with them in hope of their loyalties otherwayes.

In consideration whereof, we Thomas Earle of Suffex, her Maiesties Lieutenant generall in the north partes, seeing howe the ignorant people be abused by these delusions, and knowing what constant promises, assertions, & othes they haue heretofore made by theyr owne mouthes to the Queenes Maiestie, as also of late by her Maiesties direction to vs to be reported to her highnesse for the continuance of their truethe & loyalties to her Maiestie: & seeing by the sequel that all which heretofore they haue done, or presently do, or hereafter intende to do, be but soe pretended falshodes, to delude all states, degrees, and persons to serue their wicked purposes: haue thought it conuenient hereby to notifie to all her Maiesties subiectes their maner of dealinges, whereby they may manifestly see, that their principal intentes be to put in perill the person of our most gracious soueraigne, whom God long preserve, to some sedition and rebellion by all the false meanes they may, to do their vttermost to put her Maiestie in daunger of her most lawfull royall crowne and dignitie, to drawe forreyn nations into this Realme, to the vtter subuersion and perpetuall bondage of this auncient free common wealthe, to spoyle all kind of people, wherof the whole countrey feeleth the present smart, and to mainteyne & continue their abuse all kinde of states, for the furthering of their wicked intentes, and prolonging of their detestable doings, which God of his iustice can not long suffer to continue.

All whiche matters evidently appearing to the whole worlde, be sufficient to induce all men that haue either reason, duetie to their soueraigne Ladie, or loue to their native countrey, and haue ben by these delusions abused, vtterly to forsake and detest them and their wicked doings, and all such as haue not hitherto ben abused to forbear to repayre to them, or any wayes to ayde or succour them or any of theirs in these traiterous enterprises, abhominable before God, indutifull to their soueraigne Ladie, and most perillous to the quiet and prosperous state of this Realme, wherein all honest persons haue lyued from the beginning of her Maiesties raigne in freedome of their persons, with suertie of lyfe, landes, and goodes, which God long continue.

T. Suffex.

God saue the Queene.